

WALLOWA RANGER STATION, GAS HOUSE  
602 First Street  
Wallowa  
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Oregon

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  
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Location: 602 First Street, Wallowa, Wallowa County, Oregon

Significance: This gas house is in excellent condition and serves as an integral part of the overall ranger station design scheme. Located across from the four-car garage, the gas house served as a convenient source of fuel for the station vehicles. The gas house displays exterior details which match the other four station buildings: wide horizontal siding, board and batten with zig-zag cut ends, and cut-out tree symbols.

Description: Rectangular in plan, the one story gas house is a nailed wood frame structure with a poured concrete foundation. It has a wood shingled medium pitched gable roof which extends beyond the front wall to form a cover over the service area. This roof is supported by square timber posts. The original brackets are missing. The building is sided with wide cedar lap siding (1"x 12"). Gable ends are covered with board and batten siding with zig-zag cut ends. A decorative tree symbol cut-out is in each gable end. A fire box on the front (south) elevation was added later.

There are two windows; a single nine light wood casement window off-set on the front (south) elevation, and another identical window is on the west elevation. A single leaf vertical board door on the front elevation is slightly off-set to the east. A wood box projects from the east elevation and is accessible both from the inside and outside of the building. The interior consists of a built-in wood shelf. Walls are covered with wide, vertical planks.

History: Constructed sometime between 1936 and 1939, the gas house was always part of a ranger station complex and housed the gas supply for the various station vehicles.

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Historian: Kimberly Lakin, June 1991.